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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION ) Examiner: SCHWARTZ  
Serial Number: 10/636080 ) Art Unit: 3683  
Filed: 08/07/2003 )  
For: BOTTOM VALVE APPARATUS OF HYDRAULIC SHOCK )  
ABSORBER )  
Docket Number: 13547 )

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

20 December 2005

Sir:

This communication is in response to your Office Action dated 20 September 2005, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire 20 December 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on 20 December 2005.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled Claim Amendments.